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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013334/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- 1. How many people have been removed from the sex offenders register and then re-offended?*
- 2. How many applications a year are there from people wishing to be removed from the sex offenders register?*
- 3. How many applications are successful each year to be removed from the sex offenders register?*
- 4. Please can you provide the crime(s) of each sex offender who has been removed from the sex offender and the reason given for their removal for the last two years. (By this I mean the offence that led to them being placed on the register).*

Please provide the information in a yearly breakdown. (2022 and 2023) Please give the date of removal and date of offence for each person removed.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in questions 1 and 4 would involve a manual search of all sex offender records to establish if the person has reoffended and the reason for removal from the register.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk